

News Release

For Fifth Consecutive Year, U of M Crookston named "A Best in the Midwest" College by The Princeton Review

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The University of Minnesota Crookston is one of the best colleges in the Midwest according to the nationally known education services company, The Princeton Review. This announcement marks the fifth consecutive year the Crookston campus has been recognized. It is one of 153 institutions The Princeton Review recommends in its "Best in the Midwest" section of its website feature, "2012 Best Colleges: Region by Region," that posted August 1, 2011, on PrincetonReview.com.

U of M Crookston Chancellor Charles H. Casey says the campus is pleased with the recognition and that it reflects positively on the work of an excellent faculty and staff. "The acknowledgement of the Crookston Campus by The Princeton Review recognizes the hard work by our faculty and staff to offer an exceptional academic experience for our students," Casey says. "We strive to offer students an opportunity for hands-on learning in an atmosphere where diversity is appreciated and our students can develop their skills using the latest technology in their chosen field."



For this project, The Princeton Review asks students attending the schools to rate their own schools on several issues -- from the accessibility of their professors to quality of the campus food -- and answer questions about themselves, their fellow students, and their campus life. In the profile on U of M Crookston on the site, one student said that "During the week, life at UMC is 'easygoing and enjoyable,' focused on studying, sports, and club meetings." Another student commented that the small size of the campus "give[s] you an opportunity to be a student leader and be important on campus."

The 153 colleges that The Princeton Review chose for its "Best in the Midwest" list are located in twelve states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The Princeton Review also designated 220 colleges in the Northeast, 121 in the West, and 135 in the Southeast as best in their locales on the company's "2012 Best Colleges: Region by Region" lists. Collectively, the 629 colleges named "regional best(s)" constitute about 25% of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

The schools in The Princeton Review's "2012 Best Colleges: Region by Region" website section are also rated in six categories by The Princeton Review. The ratings, which appear on the school profiles, are scores on a scale of 60 to 99. The Princeton Review tallied these scores based on institutional data it obtained from the colleges in 2010-11 and/or student survey data. The rating score categories include: academics, admissions selectivity, financial aid, fire safety, quality of life, and green. The Princeton Review explains the criteria for each rating score on its site at www.princetonreview.com/college/college-ratings.aspx.

The Princeton Review, headquartered in Framingham, Mass., with editorial offices in New York City and test preparation locations across the country and abroad, is not affiliated with Princeton University, and it is not a magazine. For more information, visit PrincetonReview.com.

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,450 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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